



RESOLUTION ON IMPROVING THE SYSTEM OF MANAGING ABANDONED BUILDINGS IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS

WHEREAS, Abandoned unsecured buildings are a constant and major problem adversely affecting fire safety, sanitary conditions, property values and public safety in every city and town where they exist; and

WHEREAS, Abandoned unsecured buildings are the single most dangerous firefighting environment for firefighters and are the single highest location of firefighter injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, Abandoned unsecured buildings create an enormous financial strain that many communities are unable to deal with; and

WHEREAS, Abandoned unsecured buildings are most apt to be found in poorer communities and those communities with the least ability to effectively deal with them; now therefore be it Resolved, that the under-signed organizations representing public safety, property insurance and government commit themselves to affecting permanent change in applicable codes, opening public and private funding and resources and advocating for government prioritization and action that recognizes the emergency posed by vacant unsecured buildings and the need to address management of them until the level of danger is successfully brought under control.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to leaders in our legislatures and communities to support action.

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